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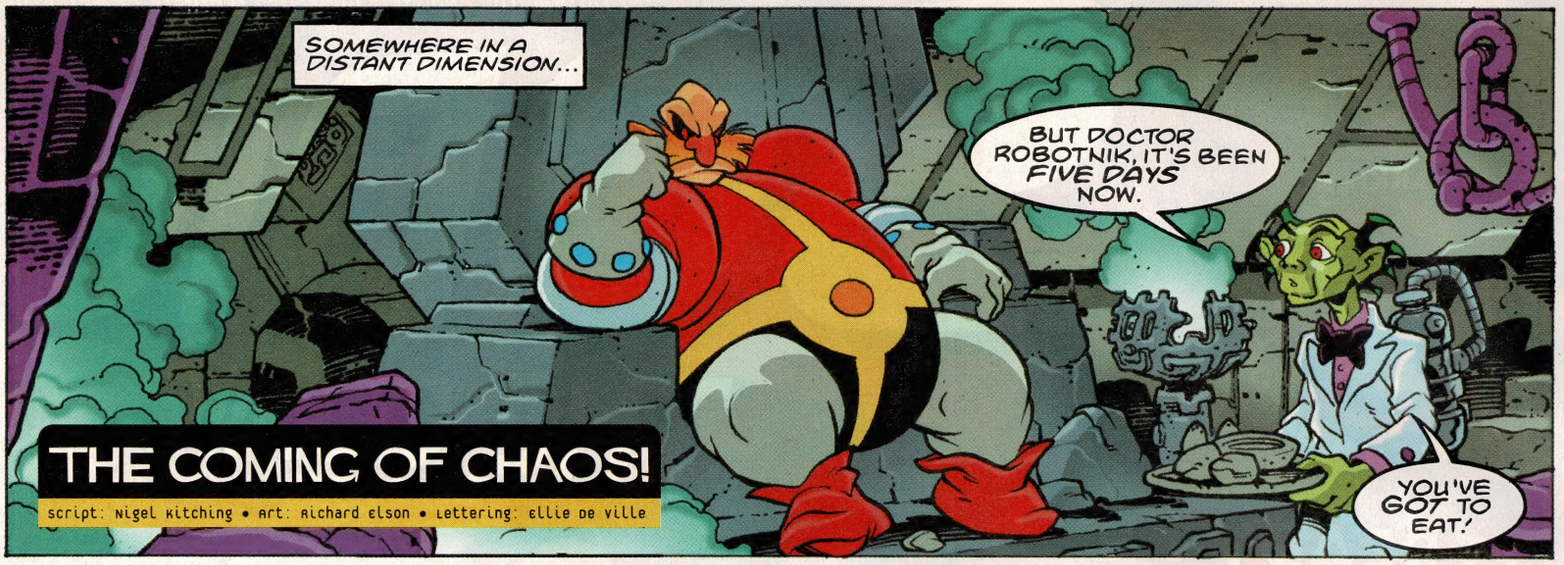

THE COMING OF CHAOS!

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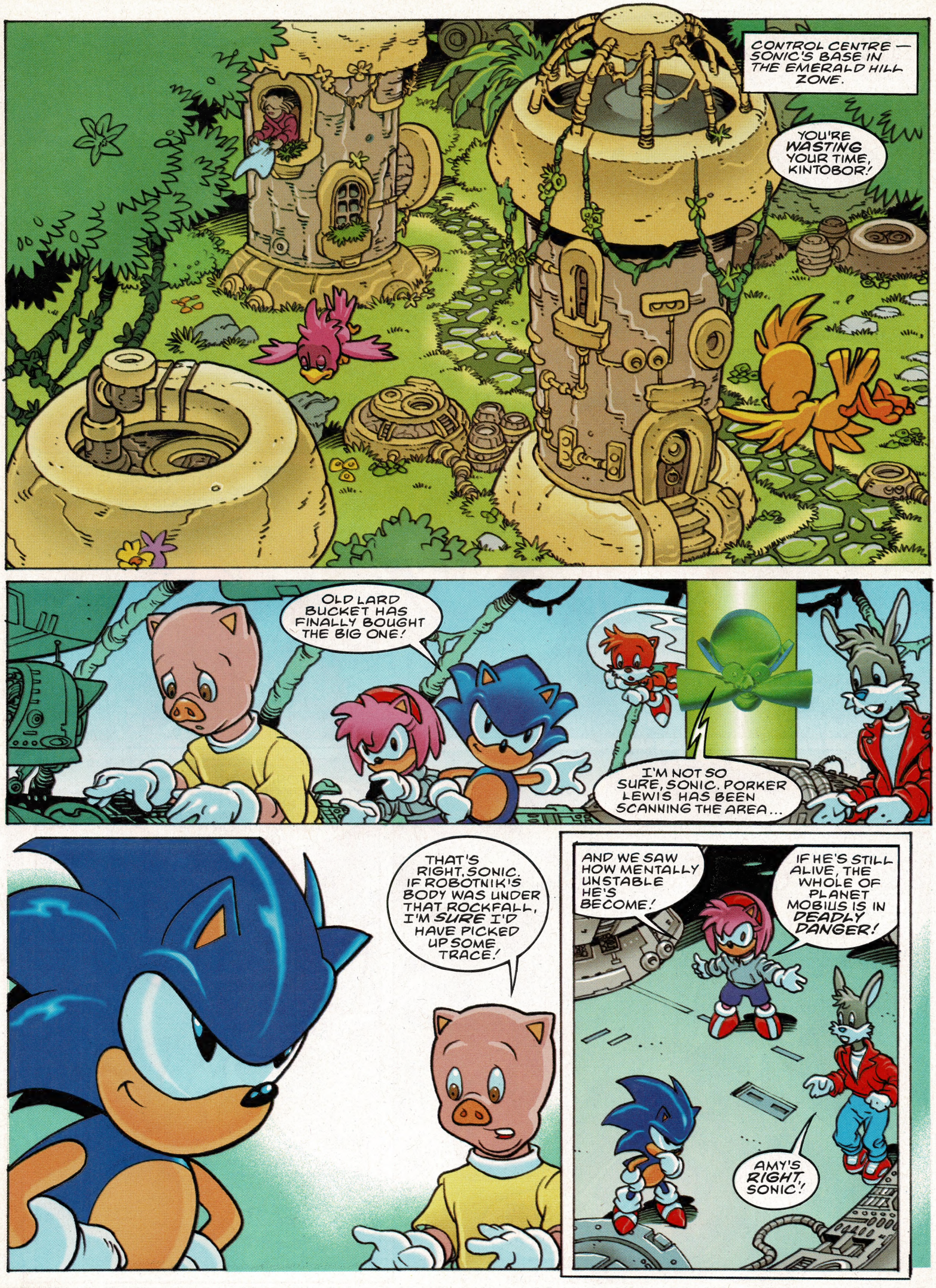
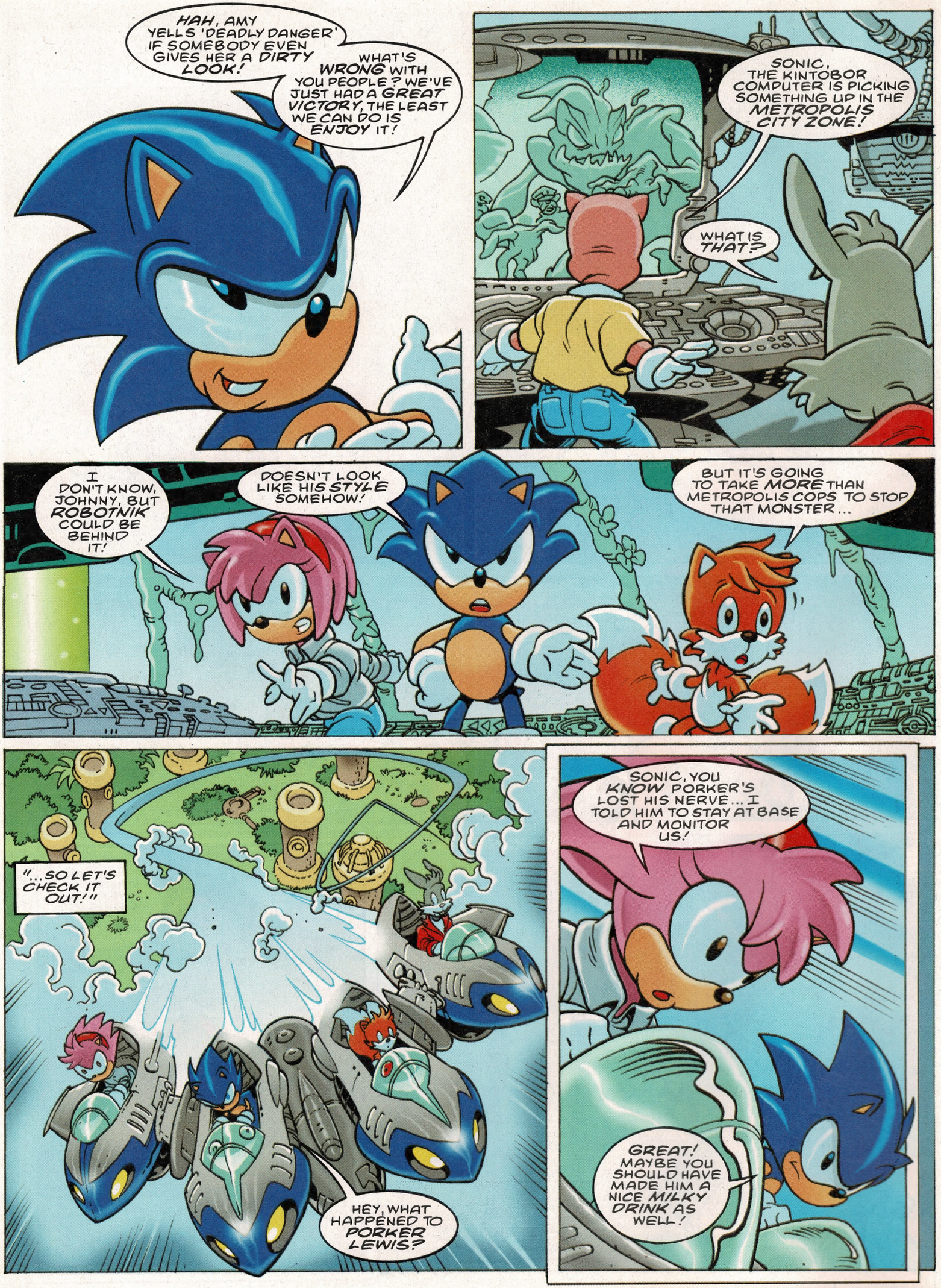
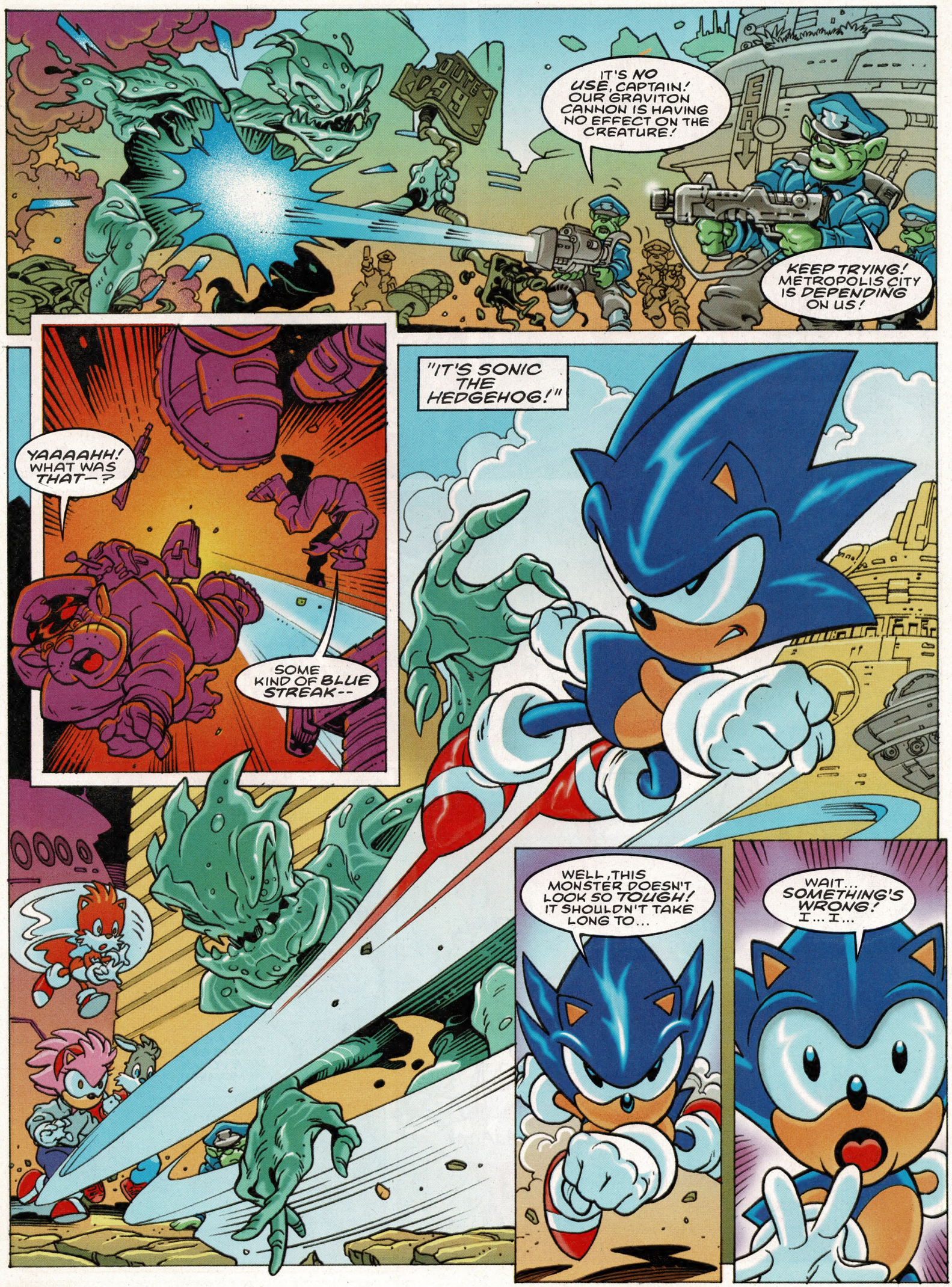
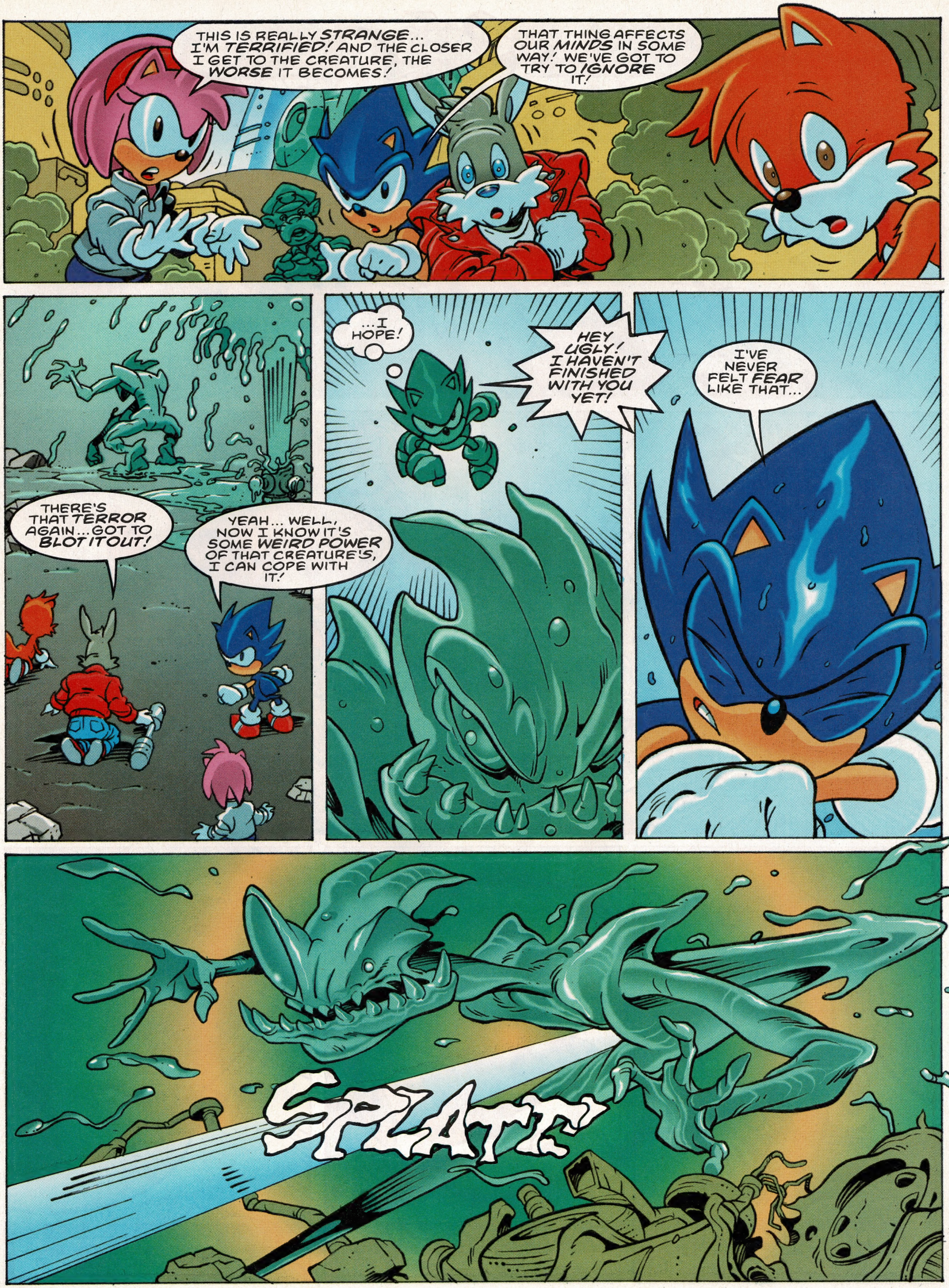
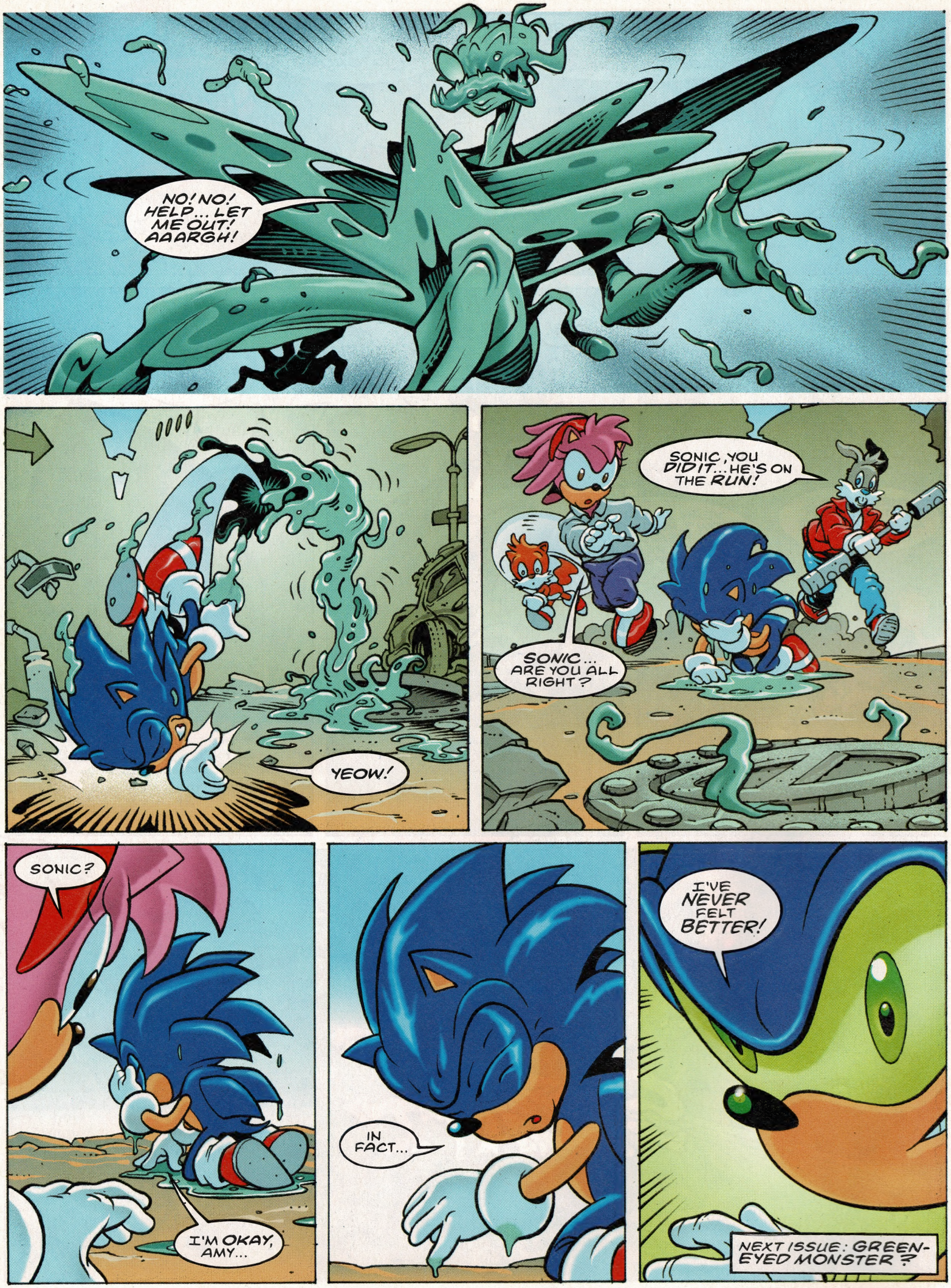

CONTROL CENTRE — SONIC'S BASE IN THE EMERALD HILL ZONE.
YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME, KINTOBOR!
OLD LARD BUCKET HAS FINALLY BOUGHT THE BIG ONE!
I'M NOT SO SURE, SONIC. PORKER LEWIS HAS BEEN SCANNING THE AREA...
THAT'S RIGHT, SONIC. IF ROBOTNIK'S BODY WAS UNDER THAT ROCKFALL, I'M SURE I'D HAVE PICKED UP SOME TRACE!
AND WE SAW HOW MENTALLY UNSTABLE HE'S BECOME!
IF HE'S STILL ALIVE, THE WHOLE OF PLANET MOBIUS IS IN DEADLY DANGER!
AMY'S RIGHT, SONIC!


HAH, AMY YELLS 'DEADLY DANGER' IF SOMEBODY EVEN GIVES HER A DIRTY LOOK!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU PEOPLE? WE'VE JUST HAD A GREAT VICTORY, THE LEAST WE CAN DO IS ENJOY IT!
SONIC, THE KINTOBOR COMPUTER IS PICKING SOMETHING UP IN THE METROPOLIS CITY ZONE!
WHAT IS THAT?
I DON'T KNOW, JOHNNY, BUT ROBOTNIK COULD BE BEHIND IT!
DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HIS STYLE SOMEHOW!
BUT IT'S GOING TO TAKE MORE THAN METROPOLIS COPS TO STOP THAT MONSTER...
"...SO LET'S CHECK IT OUT!"
HEY, WHAT HAPPENED TO PORKER LEWIS?
SONIC, YOU KNOW PORKER'S LOST HIS NERVE... I TOLD HIM TO STAY AT BASE AND MONITOR US!
GREAT! MAYBE YOU SHOULD HAVE MADE HIM A NICE MILKY DRINK AS WELL!


IT'S NO USE, CAPTAIN! OUR GRAVITON CANNON IS HAVING NO EFFECT ON THE CREATURE!
KEEP TRYING! METROPOLIS CITY IS DEPENDING ON US!
"IT'S SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!"
YAAAAHH! WHAT WAS THAT—?
SOME KIND OF BLUE STREAK--
WELL, THIS MONSTER DOESN'T LOOK SO TOUGH! IT SHOULDN'T TAKE LONG TO...
WAIT... SOMETHING'S WRONG! I... I...

SONIC, WHAT'S THE MATTER?
I'M... I'M NOT SURE! I WAS ABOUT TO ATTACK THAT CREATURE WHEN SUDDENLY I STARTED TO FEEL... WEIRD!
COME ON, TAILS, LET'S TAKE CARE OF THIS CREEP!
I'M WITH YOU, JOHNNY!
HRRRK
AAAAAA!
YAAAAA!
SONIC, LOOK! THEY'RE TERRIFIED... SCARED OUT OF THEIR WITS!
YEAH, I KNOW THE FEELING... I WAS SLIGHTLY, ER... NERVOUS MYSELF A MOMENT AGO!


THIS IS REALLY STRANGE... I'M TERRIFIED! AND THE CLOSER I GET TO THE CREATURE, THE WORSE IT BECOMES!
THAT THING AFFECTS OUR MINDS IN SOME WAY! WE'VE GOT TO TRY TO IGNORE IT!
THERE'S THAT TERROR AGAIN... GOT TO BLOT IT OUT!
YEAH... WELL, NOW I KNOW IT'S SOME WEIRD POWER OF THAT CREATURE'S, I CAN COPE WITH IT!
...I HOPE!
HEY UGLY! I HAVEN'T FINISHED WITH YOU YET!
I'VE NEVER FELT FEAR LIKE THAT...
SPLAT!


NO! NO! HELP... LET ME OUT! AAARGH!
YEOW!
SONIC, YOU DIDIT... HE'S ON THE RUN!
SONIC... ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
SONIC?
I'M OKAY, AMY...
IN FACT...
I'VE NEVER FELT BETTER!
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KNUCKLES
CARNIVAL NIGHT CONSPIRACY PART 4
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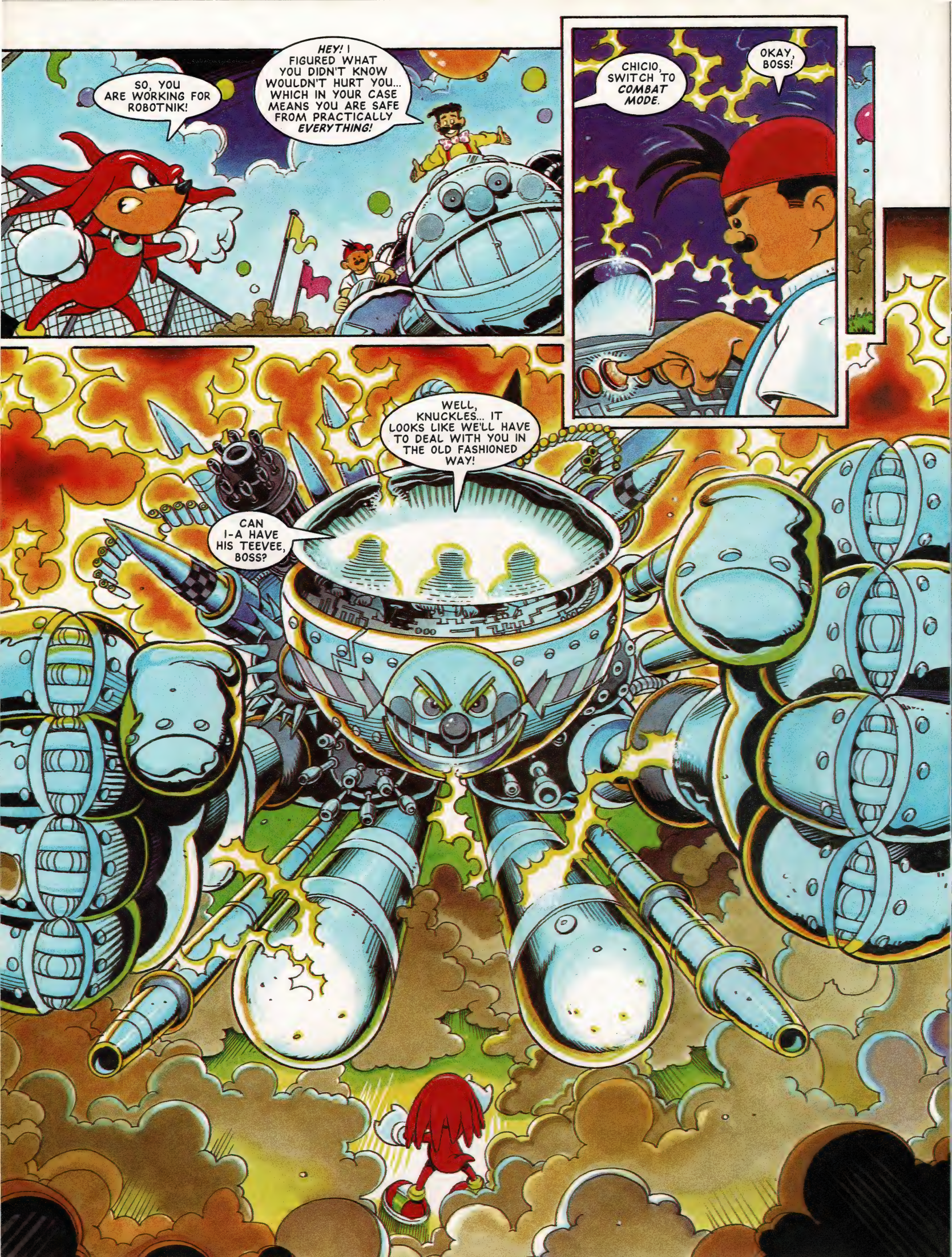
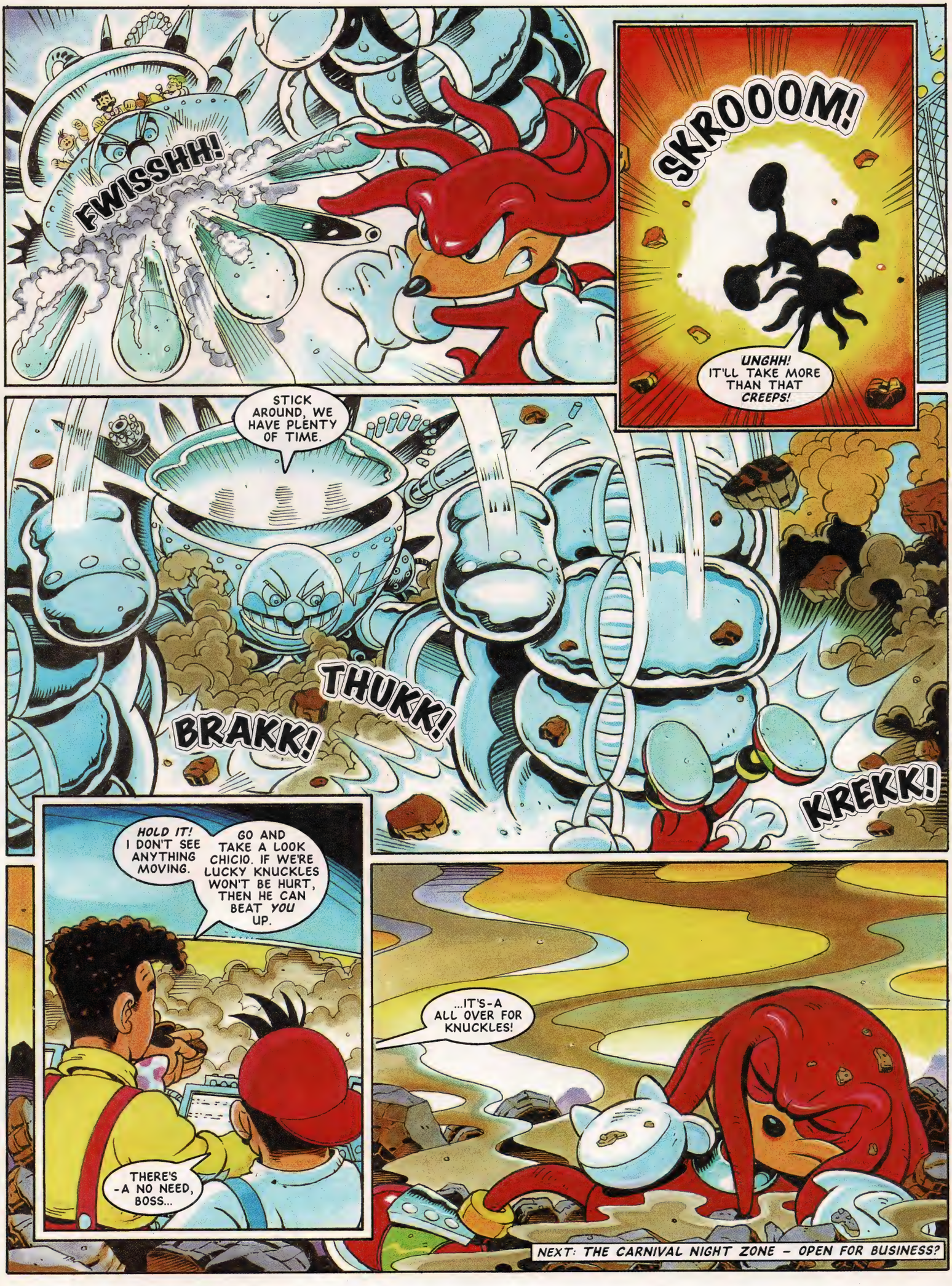
KNUCKLES HAS AGREED TO LET THE CARNIVAL NIGHT ZONE REMAIN ON HIS FLOATING ISLAND. IN RETURN THE MARXIO BROTHERS GIVE HIM A CUT OF THE PROFITS.
SO, KNUCKLES... WHAT DO YOU THINK OF YOUR OFFICE?
HEY! HE'S-A GOTTA TEEVEE!
MARKETING CONSULTANT
IN JUST A FEW HOURS WE'LL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, THEN YOU CAN SIT BACK AND WATCH THE MONEY ROLL IN!
LOOK, GROUCHO... I ONLY AGREED TO THIS SO I COULD AFFORD TO RENOVATE THE OLDER PARTS OF MY FLOATING ISLAND.
SO, I DON'T SEE WHY I NEED AN OFFICE!
HEY, HARPO. YOU WANNA WATCH TEEVEE?
PARP! PARP!

WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA, CHICIO? DO I PAY YOU TO WATCH TV?
HUH! YOU DON'T-A PAY ME TO DO NOTHIN'!
I KNOW, IT'S A SHAME 'COS YOU DO IT SO WELL!
LATER...
TRYING TO KILL-A LITTLE TIME, BOSS.
WELL, YOU SURE HAVE THE RIGHT WEAPON! THAT WAS MURDER!
NOW WHAT!
KNUCKLES IS SUCH A SAP! WE'LL JUST WAIT TILL HIS GUARD IS DOWN, THEN IT'S GOODNIGHT ECHIDNA!
THERE'S-A NO PLACE LIKE THE CARNIVAL NIGHT-A ZONE, THERE'S-A NO...
EATZ
ARCADE
CHICIO, WHAT'S WITH THE MUSICAL OUTBURST?
BADNIK PATROL, SIR. KNUCKLES IS LEAVING THE ZONE!
MAMA MIA! DOCTOR ROBOTNIK WILL BE-A-REAL MAD! MY MOMMA ALWAYS A-SAY...
CHICIO, YOUR MIND IS WANDERING... AND THE LONGER IT STAYS AWAY THE BETTER!
COME ON, WE'VE GOT TO STOP KNUCKLES!

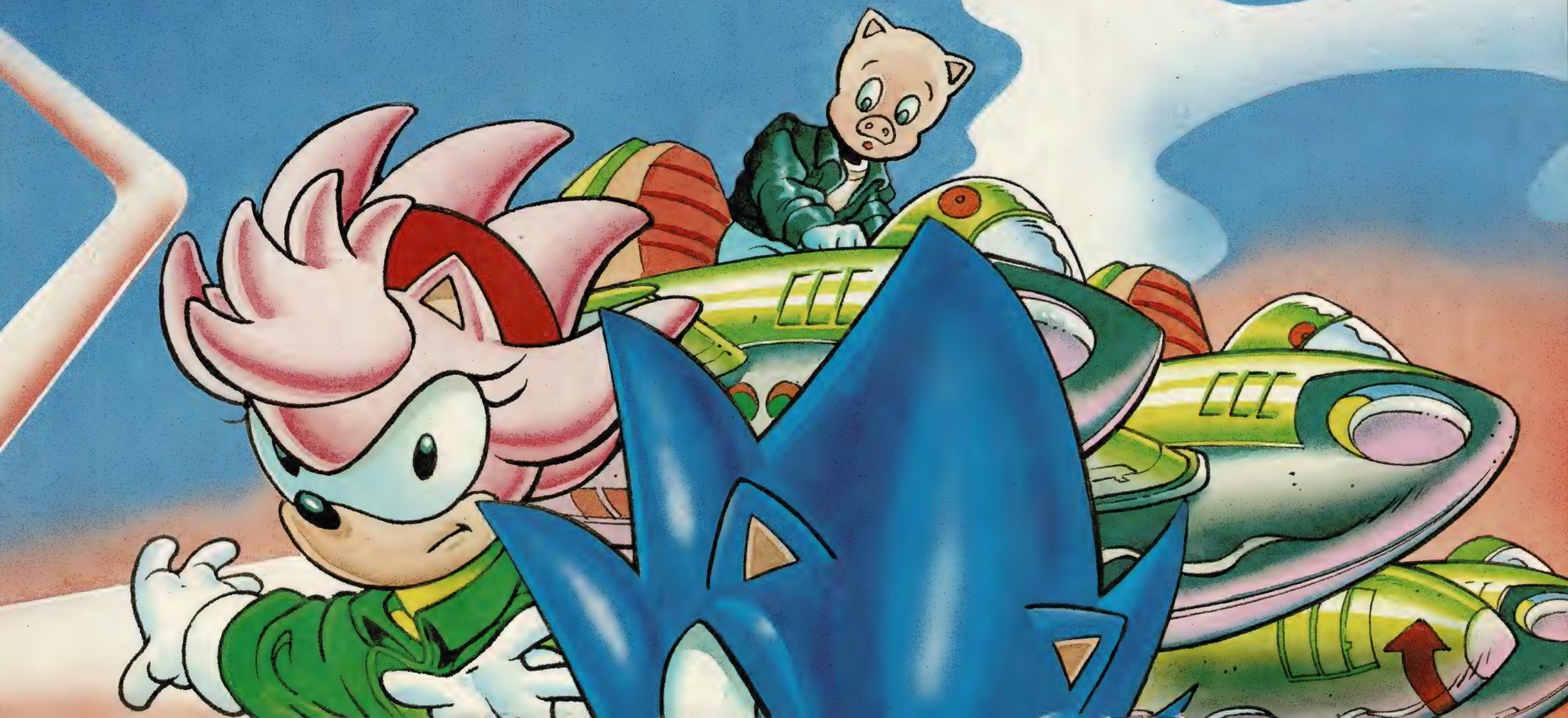
AND SO...
THERE HE IS!
NOT THEM AGAIN!
YOU ARE LEAVING THE CARNIVAL NIGHT ZONE. WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED YOUR VISIT.
EXIT
I JUST GAVE YOU A SWELL OFFICE ALL TO YOURSELF.
YOU REPAY ME BY TRYING TO LEAVE! SUCH POOR MANNERS!
I MAY HAVE SAID THAT YOU CAN STAY ON THE FLOATING ISLAND, BUT ROBOTNIK STILL HAS HIS LAUNCH BASE ZONE.
NOT FOR MUCH LONGER HE DOESN'T!
SAY... IF YOU KICK-A ROBOTNIK OUT, WHO'S-A GONNA PAY THE RUNNING COSTS OF THE CARNIVAL NIGHT ZONE?
OOPS!
ZZZZZ
GREAT WORK CHICIO, TAKE THE REST OF THE YEAR OFF! AND IF YOU NEVER COME BACK I'LL GIVE YOU A BONUS!


SO, YOU ARE WORKING FOR ROBOTNIK!
HEY! I FIGURED WHAT YOU DIDN'T KNOW WOULDN'T HURT YOU... WHICH IN YOUR CASE MEANS YOU ARE SAFE FROM PRACTICALLY EVERYTHING!
CHICIO, SWITCH TO COMBAT MODE.
OKAY, BOSS!
WELL, KNUCKLES... IT LOOKS LIKE WE'LL HAVE TO DEAL WITH YOU IN THE OLD FASHIONED WAY!
CAN I-A HAVE HIS TEEVEE, BOSS?


FWISSHH!
SKROOOM!
UNGHH! IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN THAT CREEPS!
STICK AROUND, WE HAVE PLENTY OF TIME.
THUKK!
BRAKK!
KREKK!
HOLD IT! I DON'T SEE ANYTHING MOVING.
GO AND TAKE A LOOK CHICIO. IF WE'RE LUCKY KNUCKLES WON'T BE HURT, THEN HE CAN BEAT YOU UP.
THERE'S -A NO NEED, BOSS...
...IT'S-A ALL OVER FOR KNUCKLES!
NEXT: THE CARNIVAL NIGHT ZONE - OPEN FOR BUSINESS?

HIGH-FLYING HEROES!

LEAP INTO ACTION WITH SONIC AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS



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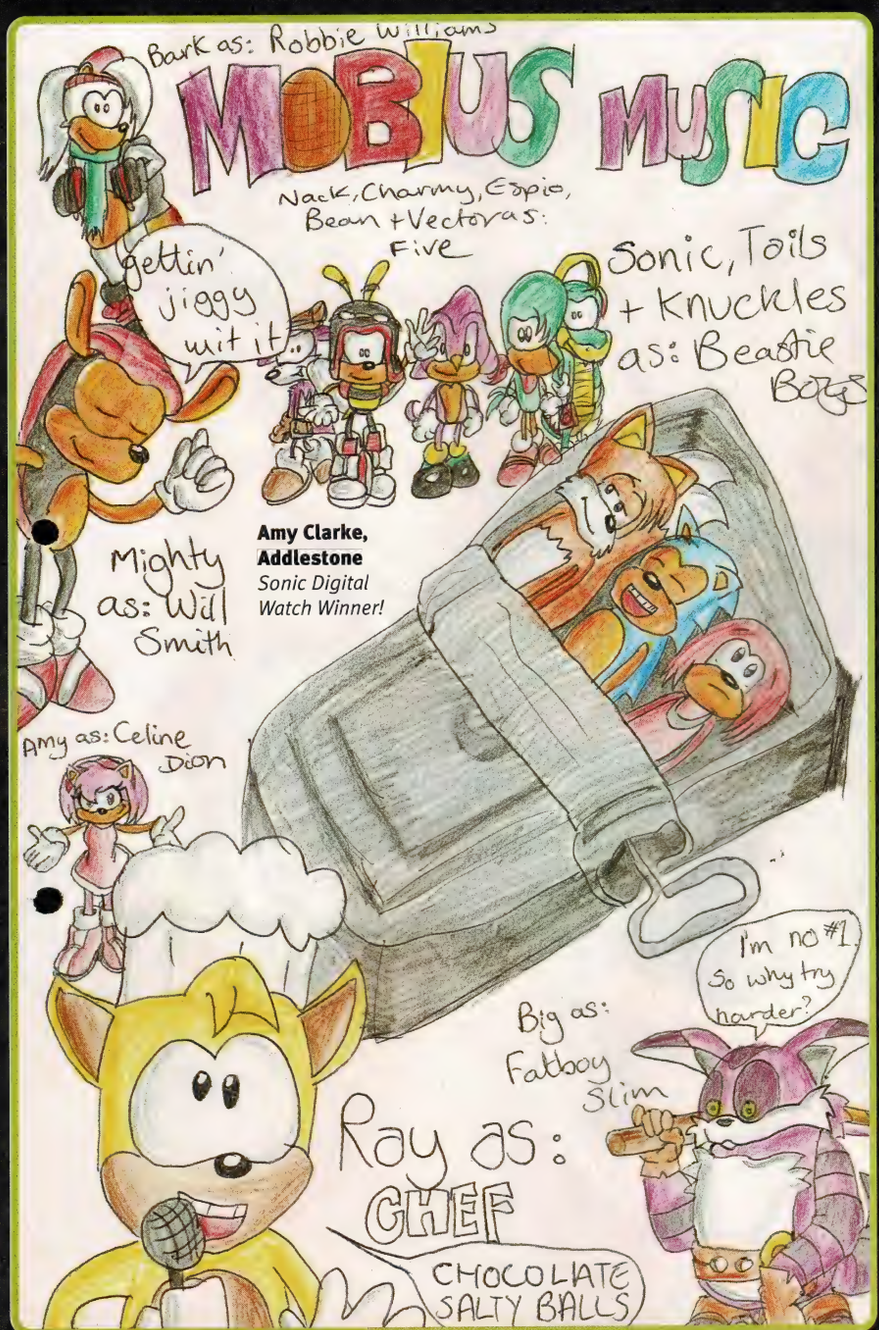
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MOBIUS MUSIC
Nack, Charmy, Espio, Bean + Vectoras: Five
gettin' jiggy wit it
Sonic, Tails + Knuckles as: Beastie Boys
Mighty as: Will Smith
Amy as: Celine Dion
I'm no #1 so why try harder?
Big as: Fatboy Slim
Ray as: CHEF
CHOCOLIATE SALTY BALLS

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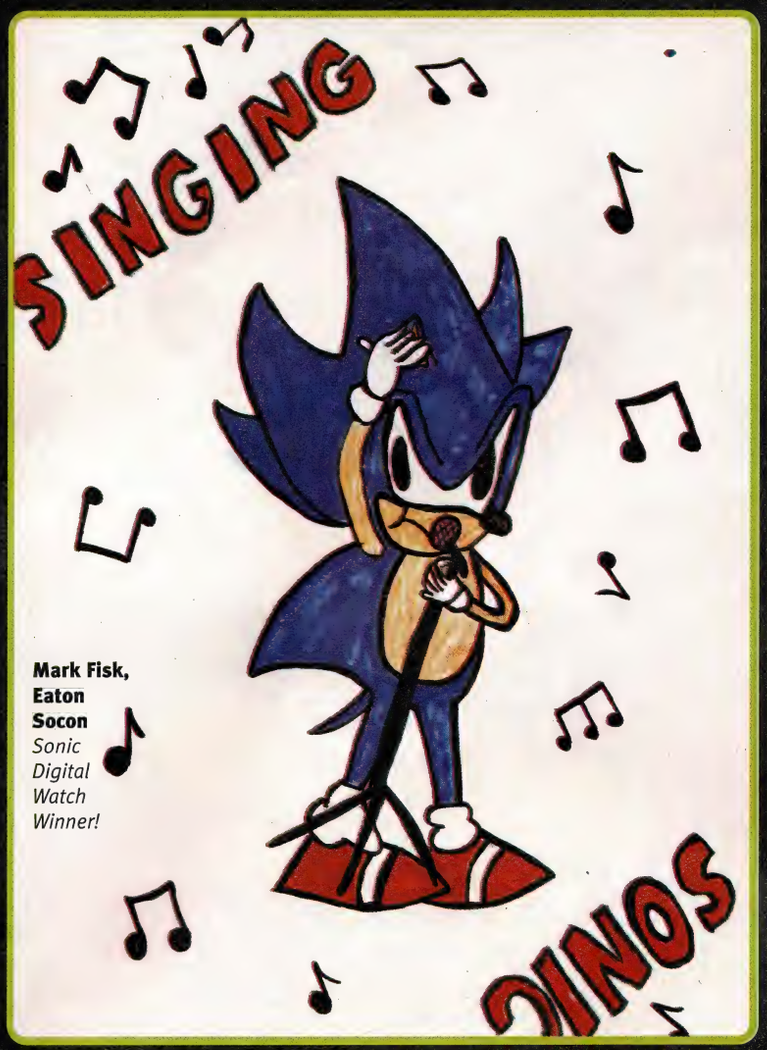
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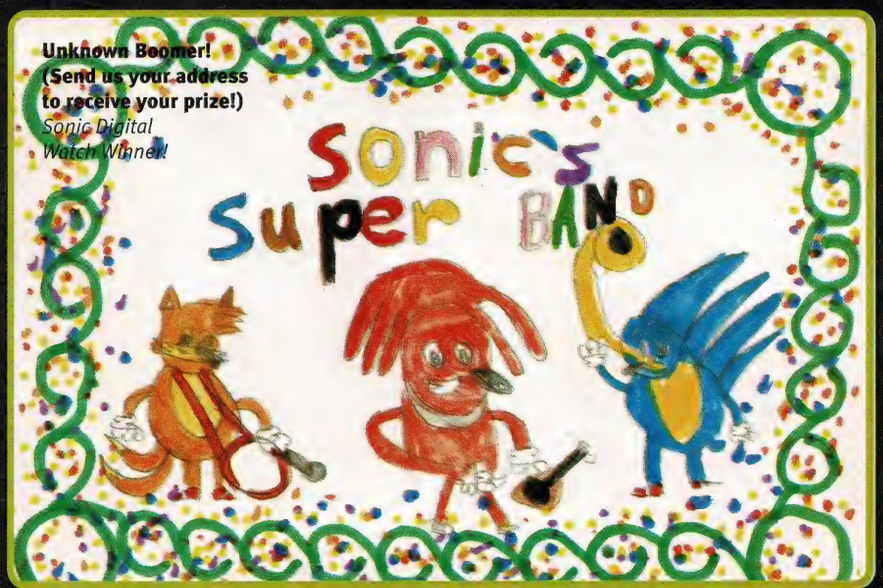

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Part 1
THERE ARE STILL SOME AREAS ON PLANET MOBIUS UNTOUCHED BY THE POLLUTING INFLUENCE OF DOCTOR ROBOTNIK. IN THE PEACEFUL SPRING FLOWER ZONE, TAILS WAS ENJOYING A STROLL UNTIL...
OUTLAW SIGHTED! DESTROY!
YIKES! SO MUCH FOR TAKING AN AFTERNOON OFF!
NEW STORY
ZZAPP!
I GUESS THESE GUYS AREN'T NATURE LOVERS!
FZAPP!
FZIPP!
THIS WOULD BE EASIER IF SONIC AND THE GANG WERE AROUND, BUT HERE GOES!

ONE DOWN, TWO TO GO!
BOSH!
ULP! I WISH I FELT MORE CONFIDENT! THIS IS GOING TO BE A TOUGH FIGHT!
YESSS! A HEAD-ON CRASH! I THOUGHT THAT SORT OF THING ONLY HAPPENED IN COMIC STRIPS!
KABOOOM!
YAHEYY! WE'RE FREE! THANKS, TAILS!
AHEM! ALL IN A DAY'S WORK, GUYS!
NOW, PERHAPS I CAN CONTINUE MY WALK IN –
WAAAHHH!

I WONDERED WHERE THE OTHER EX-BADNIK WAS!
CHEER UP! YOU'RE FREE NOW!
WAAAHH! YEAH, BUT I'M LOST!
DON'T WORRY, LITTLE BUDDY! I'LL MAKE SURE YOU GET HOME SAFE! WHERE DO YOU LIVE?
TH-THE METROPOLIS ZONE!
BUT THAT'S MILES AWAY... AND IT'S A DANGEROUS PLACE! I COULDN'T COPE ON MY OWN! I MIGHT NEED SONIC TO...
YOU SAID YOU'D HELP! YOU PROMISED!
OKAY... OKAY! WHAT'S YOUR NAME, ANYWAY?
TRISTRAM, BUT EVERYONE CALLS ME TANTRUM!
I AM NOT SURPRISED!
I'M TAILS! NOW, HOLD ON AND I'LL FLY YOU HOME FASTER THAN...
ZZINNG!
ER... WAS THAT A BULLET?
STAND RIGHT WHERE YUH ARE, YUH VARMINTS! MA NEXT SHOT AIN'T GONNA MISS!
Sigh! ...TODAY STARTED OUT SO WELL...

MAH NAME IS *FLEABYTE THE BOUNTY HUNTER*, AND AH RECKON *DOCTOR ROBOTNIK* WOULD PAY ME A *FORTUNE* FER YOU TWO CRITTERS!
OH *YEAH?* WELL, MY PAL *TAILS* IS GONNA SORT *YOU* OUT, FANGFACE!
ULP! LET'S NOT *RESIST*, TANTRUM! HE'S GOT US AT *GUNPOINT!*
YUH MUST BE TIRED OF LIVIN', FOX! *TAKE THA-* uh?
CLICK!
DRAT! AH *KNEW* AH SHOULDNA BOUGHT A PESKY SECOND-HAND GUN!
LET'S GO, TAILS!
GUESS I'LL JUST HAVE TO RELY ON MAH OLD FAITHFUL *LASER BLASTER!*

WAAMM!
KEEP RUNNING, TANTRUM! I'LL DISTRACT HIS FIRE!
BE CAREFUL! THERE ARE LOTS OF POT-HOLES AROUND!
WAAAHH!
TOO LATE!
HEEELLP!
AH KNOWS YUH CAN FLY, FOX, BUT TH' ONLY WAY YUH GONNA ESCAPE MAH LASER BLASTS IS BY FOLLOWIN' YUH BUDDY INTO THAT HOLE... AN' EVEN YOU AIN'T DUMB ENOUGH TO DO THAT!
Heellp!
Sigh! LOOKS LIKE THE START OF ANOTHER ADVENTURE!
NEXT ISSUE: GOING UNDERGROUND!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

The Big Con

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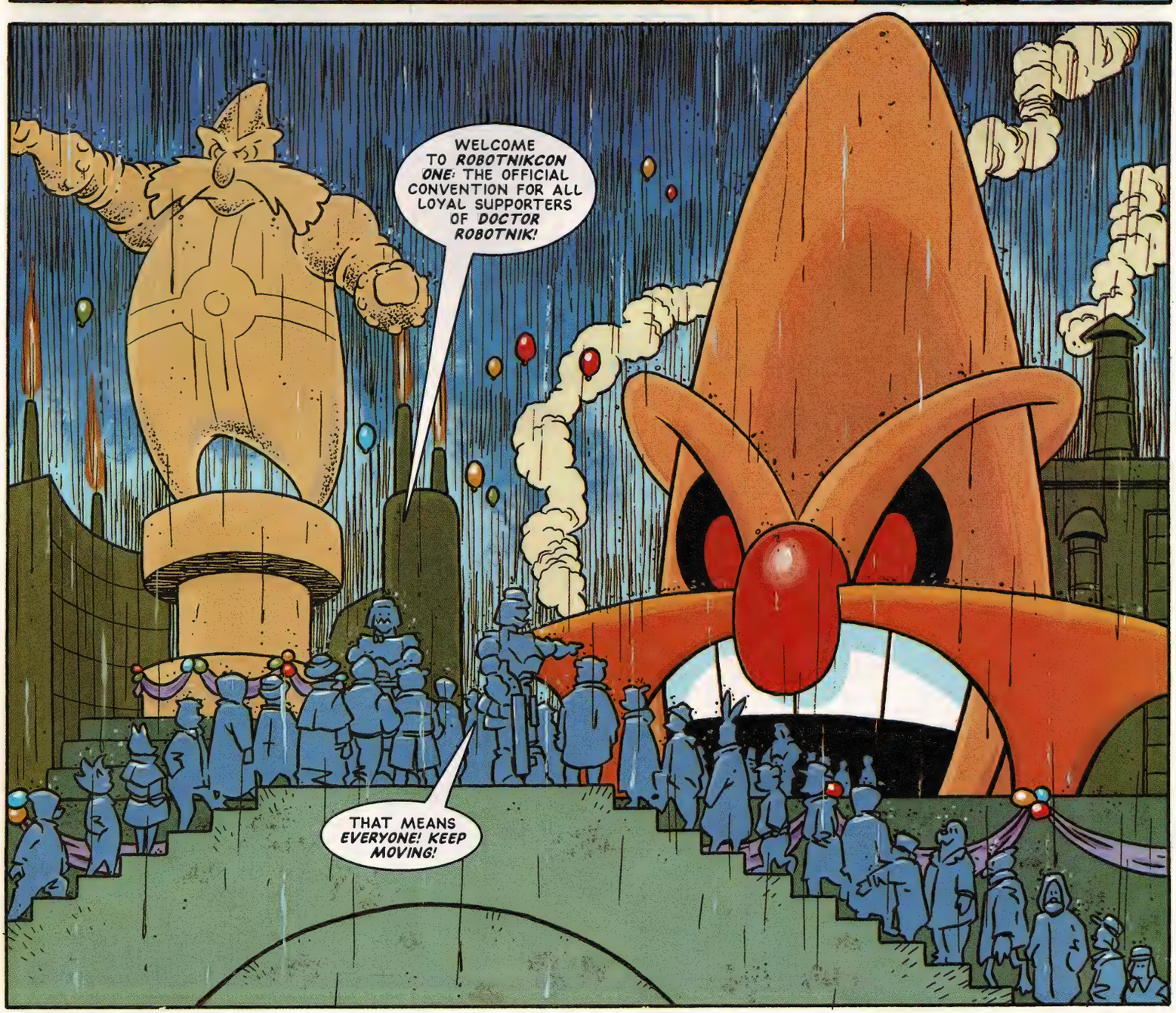
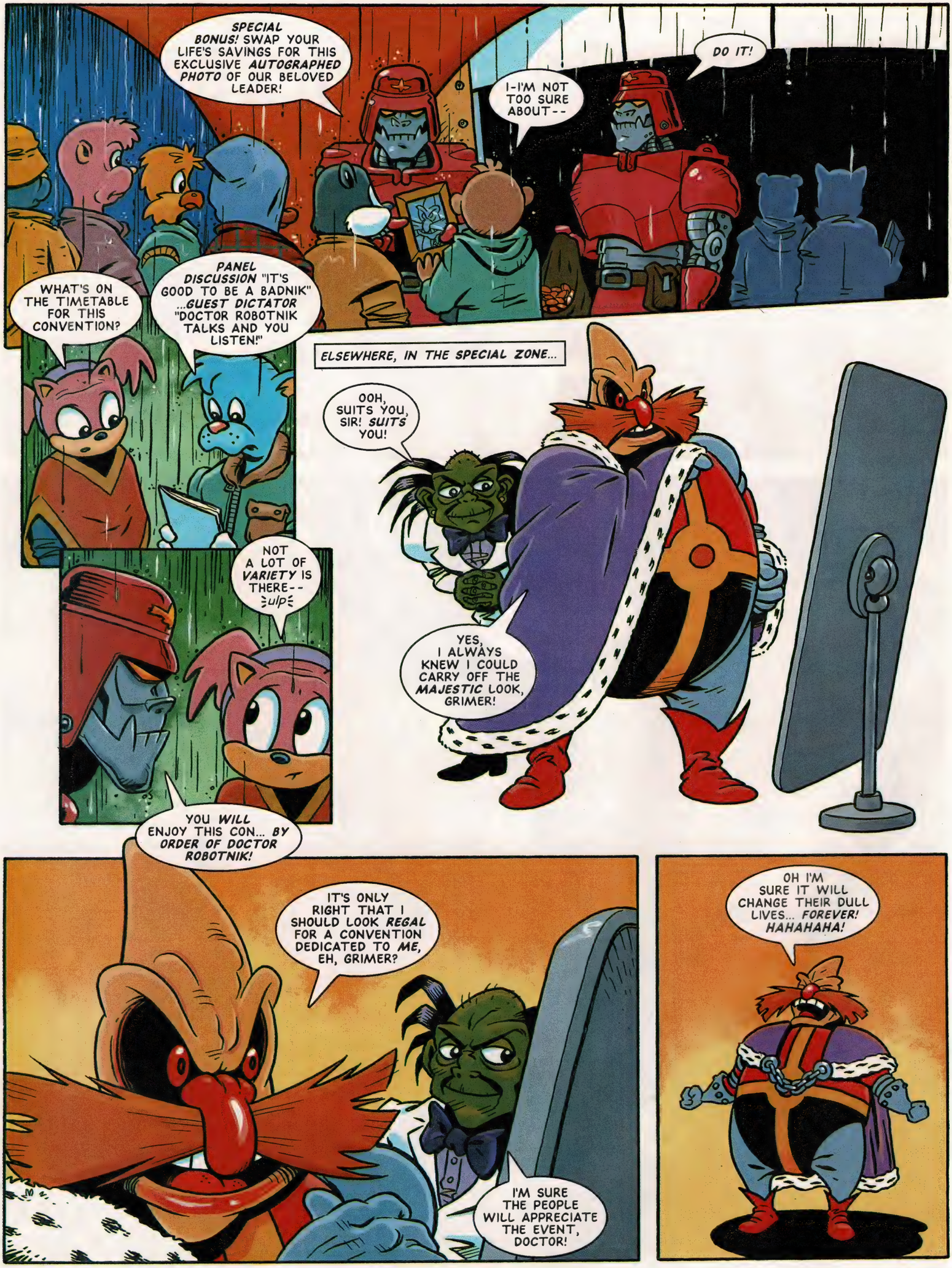
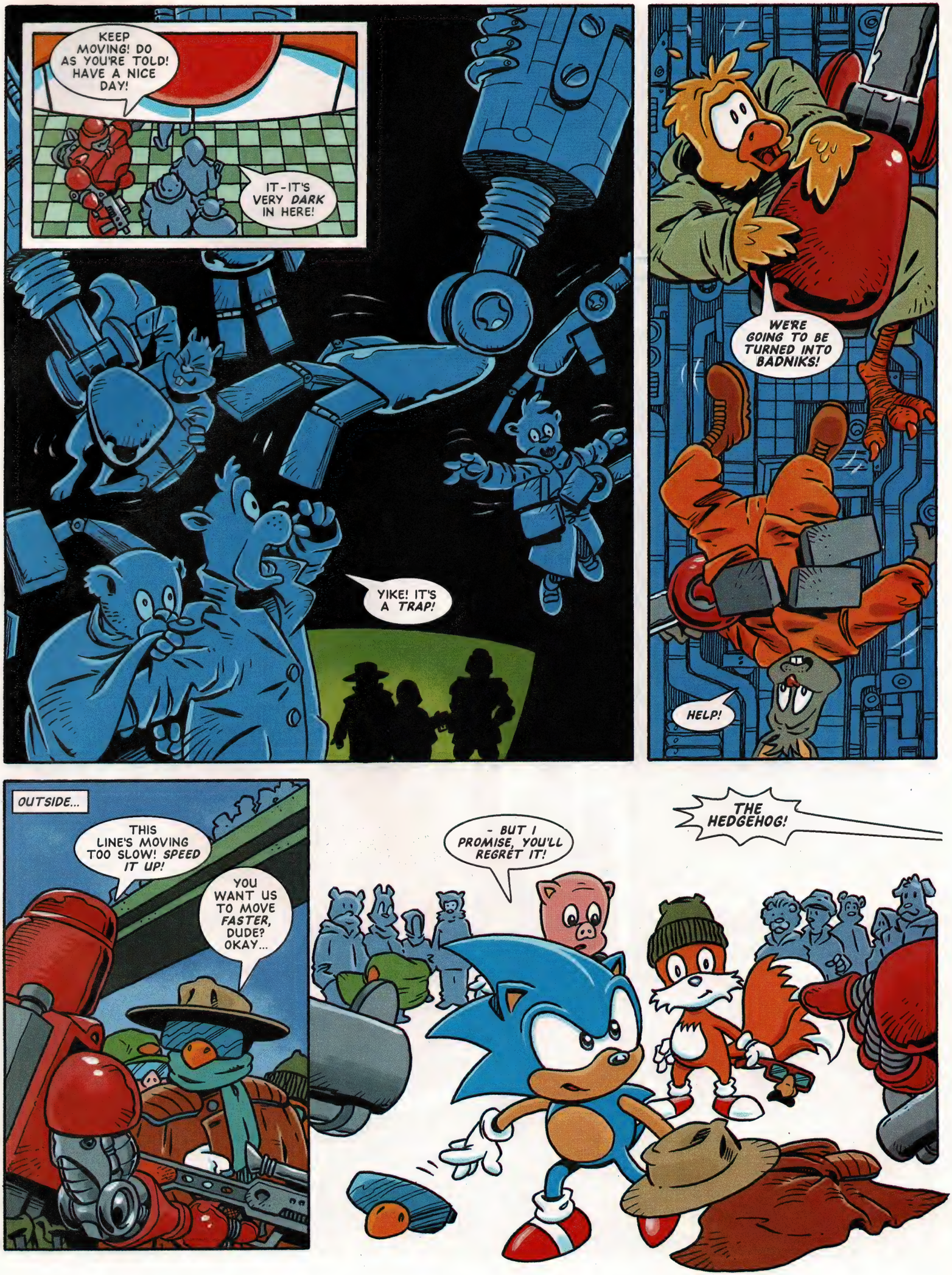
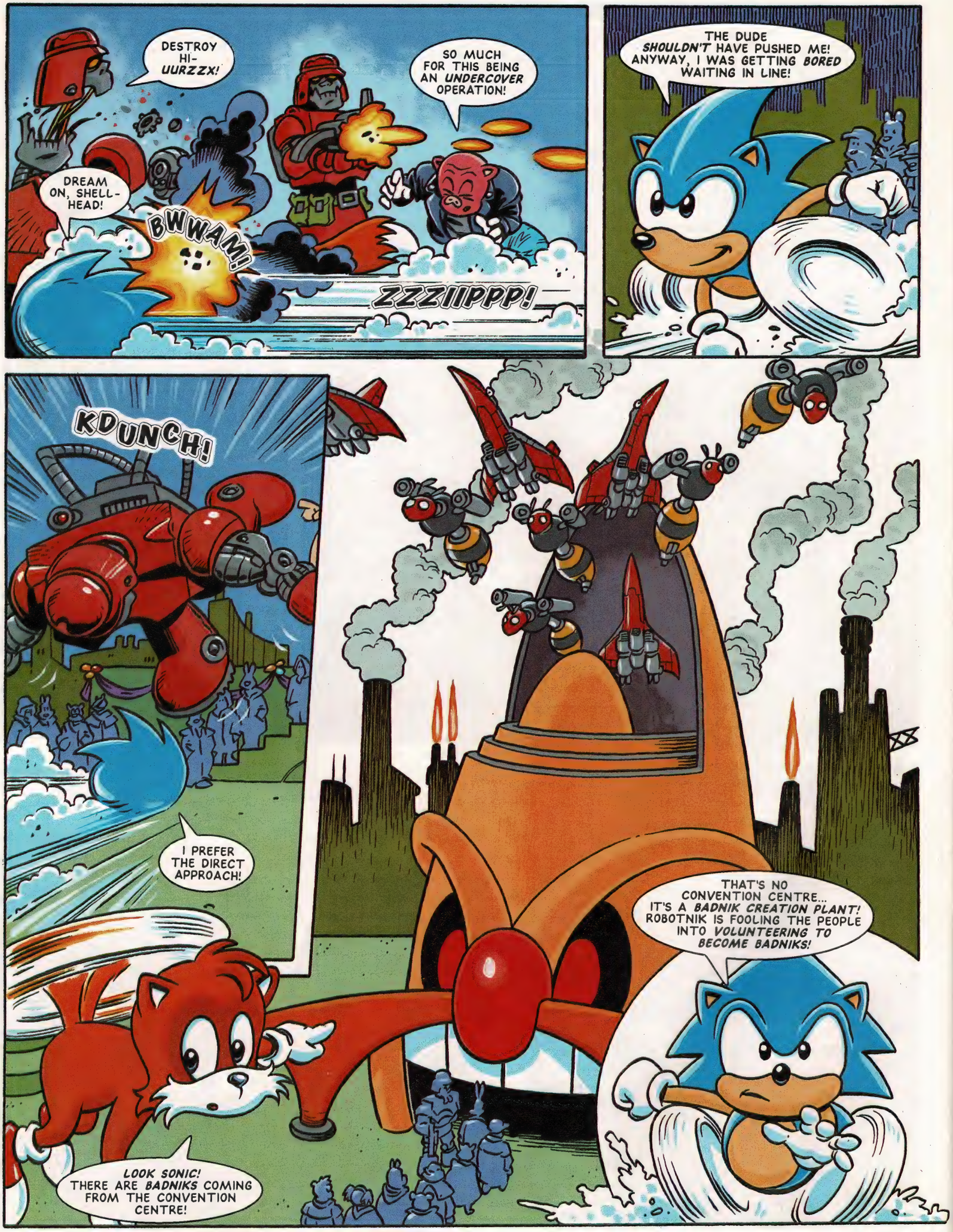
THE CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE, PLANET MOBIUS, D.R.B.D.R.*
THIS WAY
ANY IDEA WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT?
HAVEN'T A CLUE! WE WERE JUST TOLD TO REPORT HERE TO RECEIVE A REWARD FOR LOYAL SERVICE TO DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!
*DEFINITELY RULED BY DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!


WELCOME TO ROBOTNIKCON ONE: THE OFFICIAL CONVENTION FOR ALL LOYAL SUPPORTERS OF DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!
THAT MEANS EVERYONE! KEEP MOVING!

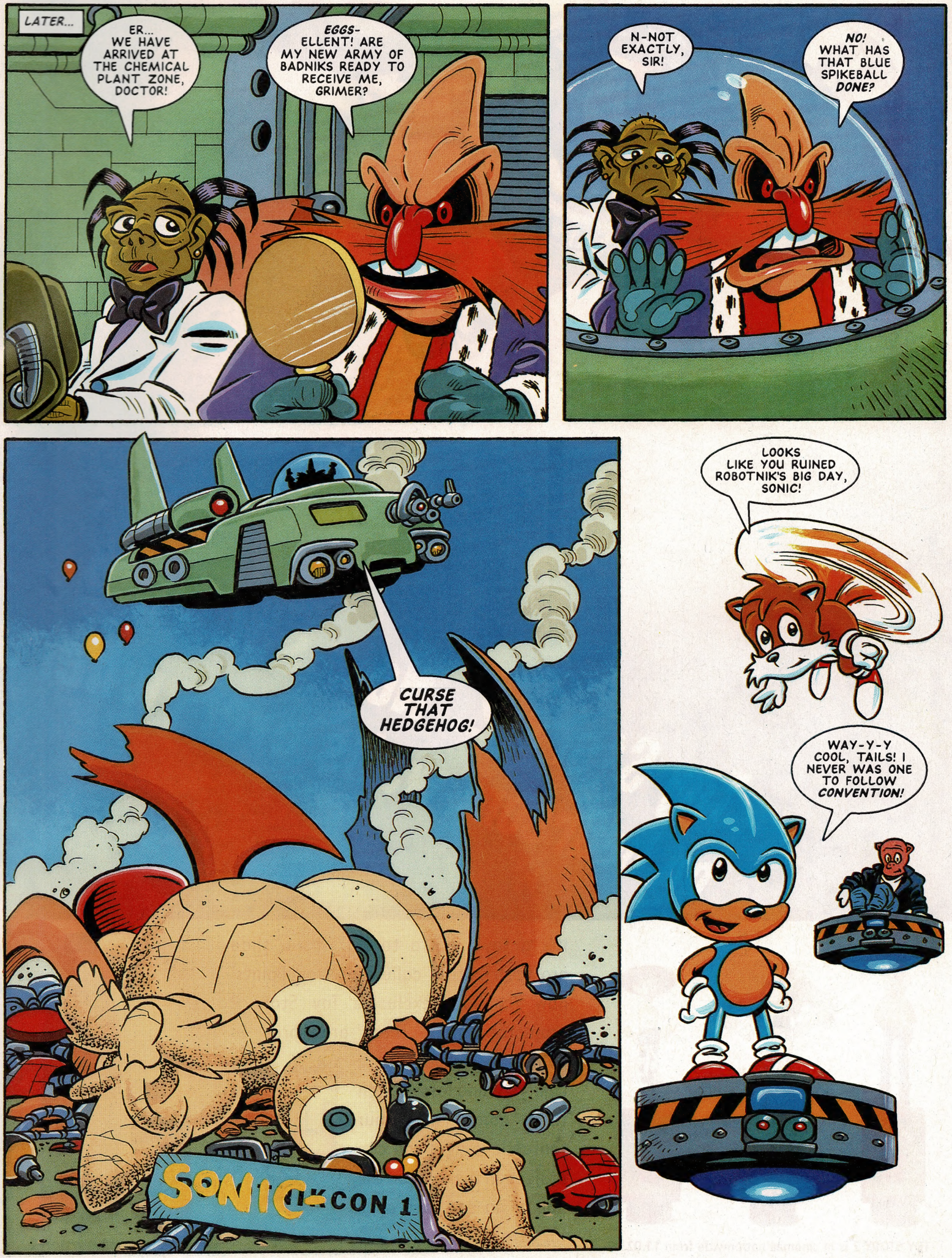

SPECIAL BONUS! SWAP YOUR LIFE'S SAVINGS FOR THIS EXCLUSIVE AUTOGRAPHED PHOTO OF OUR BELOVED LEADER!
I-I'M NOT TOO SURE ABOUT--
DO IT!
WHAT'S ON THE TIMETABLE FOR THIS CONVENTION?
PANEL DISCUSSION "IT'S GOOD TO BE A BADNIK" ...GUEST DICTATOR "DOCTOR ROBOTNIK TALKS AND YOU LISTEN!"
NOT A LOT OF VARIETY IS THERE-- ulp
YOU WILL ENJOY THIS CON... BY ORDER OF DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!
ELSEWHERE, IN THE SPECIAL ZONE...
OOH, SUITS YOU, SIR! SUITS YOU!
YES, I ALWAYS KNEW I COULD CARRY OFF THE MAJESTIC LOOK, GRIMER!
IT'S ONLY RIGHT THAT I SHOULD LOOK REGAL FOR A CONVENTION DEDICATED TO ME, EH, GRIMER?
I'M SURE THE PEOPLE WILL APPRECIATE THE EVENT, DOCTOR!
OH I'M SURE IT WILL CHANGE THEIR DULL LIVES... FOREVER! HAHAHAHA!


KEEP MOVING! DO AS YOU'RE TOLD! HAVE A NICE DAY!
IT-IT'S VERY DARK IN HERE!
YIKE! IT'S A TRAP!
WE'RE GOING TO BE TURNED INTO BADNIKS!
HELP!
OUTSIDE...
THIS LINE'S MOVING TOO SLOW! SPEED IT UP!
YOU WANT US TO MOVE FASTER, DUDE? OKAY...
- BUT I PROMISE, YOU'LL REGRET IT!
THE HEDGEHOG!


DESTROY HI- UURZZX!
SO MUCH FOR THIS BEING AN UNDERCOVER OPERATION!
DREAM ON, SHELL-HEAD!
BWWAM!
ZZZIIPPP!
THE DUDE SHOULDN'T HAVE PUSHED ME! ANYWAY, I WAS GETTING BORED WAITING IN LINE!
KDUNCH!
I PREFER THE DIRECT APPROACH!
LOOK SONIC! THERE ARE BADNIKS COMING FROM THE CONVENTION CENTRE!
THAT'S NO CONVENTION CENTRE... IT'S A BADNIK CREATION PLANT! ROBOTNIK IS FOOLING THE PEOPLE INTO VOLUNTEERING TO BECOME BADNIKS!

THE MORE PEOPLE WHO ENTER THE PLANT, THE MORE TROUBLE FOR US! PORKER! KEEP THOSE GUYS AWAY FROM THAT PLACE!
DON'T GO IN THERE! IT'S A TRAP!
GOOD ONE, BUDDY! THIS IS ALL PART OF THE CONVENTION, RIGHT?
WHAT A GREAT SHOW!
YOW! THIS IS NO ACT!
LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!
I'VE GOTTA STOP THAT PLACE CHURNING OUT MORE BADNIKS! GET OUTTA MY FACE, CREEPS!
ZZZOOMM!

EVERYBODY CLEAR THE AREA!
KKRRKK!
I'M TAKING ROBOTNIK DOWN!
KABOOOMM!!
THERE'S STILL A FEW BADNIKS TO FINISH OFF, SONIC!
NO PROBLEM.


LATER...
ER... WE HAVE ARRIVED AT THE CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE, DOCTOR!
EGGS-ELLENT! ARE MY NEW ARMY OF BADNIKS READY TO RECEIVE ME, GRIMER?
N-NOT EXACTLY, SIR!
NO! WHAT HAS THAT BLUE SPIKEBALL DONE?
CURSE THAT HEDGEHOG!
SONIC
LOOKS LIKE YOU RUINED ROBOTNIK'S BIG DAY, SONIC!
WAY-Y-Y COOL, TAILS! I NEVER WAS ONE TO FOLLOW CONVENTION!

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